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SUBJECT:SOMALI WITHDRAWAL FROM OGADEN

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RESPONSE TO US APPEAL. SIAD HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR
LOUGHRAN IN MOGADISCIO THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO WITHDRAW HAVE
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SUCCESS WITH ASSISTANCE OF CUBAN FORCES, PRESIDENT SIAD HAS
INFORMED US THAT HE HAS AGREED TO OUR STRONG RECOMMENDATION
THAT HE WITHDRAW ALL ELEMENTS OF SOMALI NATIONAL ARMY FROM
THE OGADEN AND HAS ALREADY ISSUED THE NECESSARY ORDERS.

A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY SOMALI WAS MADE MARCH 9.

3. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH ETHIOPIA THROUGH ITS ADVISORS AND MILITARY ELEMENTS IN EHTIOPIA TO ENSURE THAT SOMALI FORCES ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE OGADEN UNHINDERED AND WITHOUT REPRISALS, AND

THAT AN EFFECTIVE CEASEFIRE IS IMPLEMENTED PROMPTLY. WE HAVE MADE SIMILAR APPEALS TO SOVIET AND ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENTS.

4. WE BELIEVE A PEACEFUL NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS THE ONLY WAY TO FIND AN ENDURING SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE REGION. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THE PRESENCE OF NEUTRAL OBSERVERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER WOULD BE USEFUL TO BOTH ENSURE THAT THE WITHDRAWAL DOES TAKE PLACE AND TO PROVIDE AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY IN A POSITION TO DENY ANY CHARGES WHICH MIGHT BE MADE OF MISTREATMENT OF THE OGADEN POPULATION. NEUTRAL OBSERVERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER WOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN THE LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE OF BUILDING CONFIDENCE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA. WE HOPE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WILL AGREE AND SUPPORT SUCH A PROPOSAL.

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